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CALL FOR SUMMIT
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REFC (A) MANAMA 672 (NOTAL) (B) AMMAN 2601 (NOTAL)
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1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME MARCH 20 THAT ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN
MINISTERS, OR AT LEAST SOME OF THEM, MAY MEET BEFORE MARCH 27
TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR ARAB SUMMIT WHICH WOULD DISCUSS

LEBANESE SITUATION AS TOP ITEM ON AGENDA. FONMIN SAID VENUE HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED BUT CHOPLE HAS BEEN NARROWED TO EITHER KHARTOUM OR KUWAIT. SAID HE EXPECTED TO HEAR MOMENTARILY FROM MOHMOUD RIYADH ON THIS POINT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID EIGHT ARAB STATES HAD SO FAR ACCEPTED KING HUSSEIN'S SUMMIT CALL, INCLUDING BAHRAIN (SESPITE AMIR'S PERSONAL VIEW REPORTED MANAMA REFTEL). SAID THAT KEY POINT FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND LATER SUMMIT OF COURSE WOULD BE ATTENDANCE OF SYRIA AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SYRIA HAS INDICATED IT WOULD ATTEND FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON SUBJECT OF LEBANON IN EITHER KHARTOUM OR KUWAIT. FONMIN CONTINUED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT NOW TO ARAB WORLD TO GET SYRIA BACK INTO DIALOGUE WITH EGYPT AND LEBANESE CRISIS SEEMS TO BE PROVIDING THE MEANS TO DO THIS. FOREIGN MINISTER CONFIRMED AMMAN REFTEL REPORT THAT KING HUSSEIN HAS FEW SPECIFICS IN MIND FOR SUMMIT BUT FEELS STRONGLY NEED TO DO "SOMETHING" AT THIS CRITICAL POINT. CLUVERIUS

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